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SUBJECT: SAUDIS AGREE TO MID EAST QUINT POLICY PLANNING DIALOGUE

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Classified By: Charge' d'Affaires Michael Gfoeller
for reasons 1.4 (b), (c) and (d)

¶11. (S) CG Jeddah and Riyadh Pol Counselor delivered Reftel demarche to Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal on Aug. 20. The Prince was completely receptive to the establishment of the proposed policy planning dialogue, adding he was "grateful to be invited."

¶12. (S) Regarding Iraq's participation, while Prince Saud had been critical of the Iraqi government earlier in our discussion (Septel), he stated "Iraq would be most welcome." He opined that including Iraq in this proposal "could really help their political reconciliation process." Prince Saud concluded that Saudi Arabia would participate in an October policy planning director's meeting "anytime, just name the date."

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